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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR CORONATION DELEGATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR US DELEGATION
TO CORONATION.

2. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1500 ARRIVAL BY SPECIAL AIRCRAFT
1530 DEPART AIRPORT BY AUTOMOBILES TO HOTELS
1900 INFORMAL BUFFET DINNER AT RESIDENCE FOR
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AND SELECTED MEMBERS
OF MISSION STAFF.

3. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1000 INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE ARRANGED BY
LOCAL CLERGY IN KATHMANDU TO WHICH DELEGATION IS
CORDIALLY INVITED. FOR THOSE DELEGATION MEMBERS
SO DESIRING, EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO TAKE THEM ON A SHORT SIGHTSEEING TRIP IN
KATHMANDU (HANUMAN DHOKA AREA, SWAYAMBHU, ETC.)

1100 DEPART HOTELS BY CAR FOR VISIT TO BHAKTAPUR

1230 LEAVE BHAKTAPUR BY CAR TO NEARBY AREA OVERLOOKING
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HIMALAYAS FOR INFORMAL PICNIC. WE WOULD ALSO

INVITE A NUMBER OF OLDTIME RESIDENTS OF KATHMANDU,
E.G. FATHER MORAN, BORIS LISSANOVITCH.

1500-1530 RETURN TO HOTEL

1630-1830 RECEPTION AT ROYAL PALACE

1930-2200 CULTURAL PROGRAM AT ROYAL ACADEMY

4. MONDYA, FEBRUARY 24

0715 MR. AND MRS. BUCHEN DEPART HOTEL SOALTEE BY CAR
FOR HANUMAN DHOKA

0800-0930 CORONATION CEREMONY AT HANUMAN DHOKA

NOTE: FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION EMBASSY OFFICERS
WILL BE AVAILABE TO TAKE THEM ON A TOUR OF PATAN OR OTHER
ALTERNATIVE SIGHTS IN OR NEAR THE CITY (PASHUPATINATH,
BODNATH)

1145 INFORMAL OPEN HOUSE AT RESIDENCE. BUFFET LUNCH
FOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION, TO WHICH AMERICAN
PRIVATELY INVITED BY THE KING TO THE CORONATION
WILL ALSO BE INVITED.

1430-1630 ROYAL PROCESSION AND RECEPTION OF FOREIGN
DIGNITARIES AT TUNDIKHEL.

2000-2200 DINNER AT PALACE.

5. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

0830-0930 PROTOCOL IS MAKING TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE HEADS
OF DELEGATION TO TAKE PART IN A TREE PLANTING
CEREMONY AT TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY.

0900 FORMAL OPENING OF NEW US CHANCERY. WE HOPE THAT
MR. BUCHEN AND AMBASSADOR LAISE AND OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE DELEGATION WHO SO WISH WOULD TAKE PART IN
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A BRIEF CEREMONY TO OPEN THE NEW CHANCERY. RESIDENTS
OF US COMMUNITY IN KATHMANDU WOULD BE INVITED.

0945-1115 SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING FOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION,
ACCOMPANIED AS DESIRED BY MISSION OFFICERS OR WIVES.

1200-1400 PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCHEON AT MFA.

1600-1730 OPENING OF NATIONAL EXHIBITION AT EXHIBITION GROUNDS IN KATHMANDU.

1900-2030 FAREWELL RECEPTION AT ROYAL PALACE.

2030-2300 DINNER AT YAK AND YETI TO WHICH DELEGATION MEMBERS AND IMPORTANT NEPALESE OFFICIALS WITH STRONG TIES TO US WOULD BE INVITED. MR AND MRS. BUCHEN MAY WISH TO HOST THIS DINNER OR, ALTERNATIVELY, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. CARGO WOULD BE PREPARED DO SO.

6. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1000 DEPARTURE FROM KATHMANDU

7. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF ABOVE SCHEDULE IS SATISFACTORY OR LET US HAVE ANY DESIRED MODIFICATIONS.

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